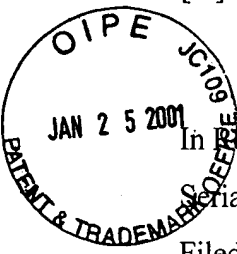


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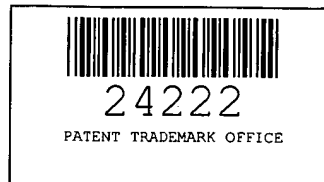
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Please enter in the above applications and communicate in all related matters with the undersigned. All necessary fees are intended to be included, however the Office is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees to deposit account #500323.

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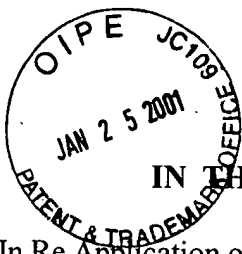
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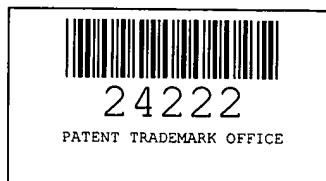
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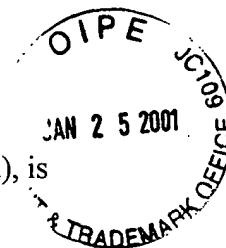
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Applicants submit this statement and the attached 1 sheet(s) of form PTO-1449 and 2 specimens of prior art in accordance to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, and requests consideration hereof. It is assumed the examiner is in possession of the cited art patent numbers 4,123,989, 4,653,428, 4,657,616, 4,681,652 and 5,547,717 as they originated from an International Search conducted for the PCT application filed concurrently with the above noted application. We will be happy to provide copies of this prior art should this not be the case.

Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97: This Information Disclosure Statement is filed within three (3) months of the filing date of a National Application or before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits. No fee or certification is required.

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